February 6, 2009

Town Manager's Report

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics:

### 1. Expense Report:

A copy of my expense report (July – December 2008) is forwarded separately. I will appreciate Council formally recognizing receipt of this information.

Re:

# 2. St. Patrick's Day Parade:

The annual Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3. <u>Town Operating Budget:</u>

The budget presented at the Annual Town Meeting assumed a \$1.5 million decrease in the annual ECS grant. The State Board of Education had previously accepted a series of recommendations that would have reduced Glastonbury's ECS funding by 12% to 50%. The \$1.5 million represented a 25% reduction. Governor Rell's budget released on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, sustains ECS funding at current levels, or \$6.2 million annually. There are several other modest increases and decreases in operating revenues received from the state. These generally offset. The largest reduction comes from a \$61,000+ decline in the annual Town Aid Grant for roads. This falls under the Capital Program.

#### 4. Energy Conservation:

The Environmental Protection Agency recently confirmed that Town Hall has qualified for the 2008 Energy Star Certificate. Town Hall was originally recognized in 2007.

## 5. Special Revenue Funds:

The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for December 31, 2008 are attached. This is for Police and Recreation Funds. Both are functioning as planned.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager